

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A composition for removing a biofilm from a surface, which does not produce or comprise a peroxide, a terpene or sodium hypochlorite, which comprises an effective dislodging amount of a detergent cetylpyridinium chloride (CPC) at a final concentration of at least 0.1%, and an effective dislodging amount of a salt or of an acid which forms a salt at a working pH value, or both, said salt or acid being different from said detergent CPC and said salt or acid when combined to the detergent CPC is capable of displacing divalent cations, ~~and dismantling and destroying~~ the structure of said biofilm, ~~with the proviso that said composition is neither a mixture achieving a final concentration of SDS 1% 2% and mandelic and lactic acids, each at an individual concentration of 1% or in a combined concentration of 2%, nor of SDS 0.25%, sodium benzoate 2% and sodium salicylate 0.2%, all percentages representing weight per volume concentrations.~~
2. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 1, further comprising an effective amount of a bactericide.
- 3-4. (Cancelled)
5. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 1, wherein said acid is mandelic acid achieving a final concentration of at least 0.1%.
6. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 2, wherein said acid is mandelic acid achieving a final concentration of at least 0.1 %.
7. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 1, wherein said salt or acid is an EDTA salt or acid achieving a final concentration of at least 0.25 %.
8. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 2, wherein said salt or acid is an EDTA salt or acid achieving a final concentration of at least 0.25 %.

9. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 1, wherein said salt is sodium mandelate formed from mandelic acid achieving a final concentration range of at least 0.1% at a working pH value adjusted to 5.

10. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 2, wherein said salt is sodium mandelate formed from mandelic acid achieving a final concentration range of at least 0.1% at a working pH value adjusted to 5.

11. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 1, wherein said acid is selected from the group consisting of mandelic, 2-ketoglutaric, acetic, iminodiacetic, mucic, glycolic, fumaric, lactic, aspartic, phosphoric, pyruvic, chloroacetic, oxalic, citric, oxamic, malic, dichloroacetic, phenylacetic, benzylic, maleic, mandelic, succinic, chloromandelic, glutamic, nitrilotriacetic, boric, adipic, formic, glucuronic, salicylic, benzoic, benzoyl formic, phthalic, ketopimelic acids, alanine, serine, tryptophane, tyrosine, bicine, tricine and glycine.

12. (Currently Amended) A composition as defined in claim 2 7, wherein said acid is selected from the group consisting of mandelic, 2-ketoglutaric, acetic, iminodiacetic, mucic, glycolic, fumaric, lactic, aspartic, phosphoric, pyruvic, chloroacetic, oxalic, citric, oxamic, malic, dichloroacetic, phenylacetic, benzylic, maleic, mandelic, succinic, chloromandelic, glutamic, nitrilotriacetic, boric, adipic, formic, glucuronic, salicylic, benzoic, benzoyl formic, phthalic, ketopimelic acids, alanine, serine, tryptophane, tyrosine, bicine, tricine and glycine.

13. (Previously Present) A composition as defined in claim 2, wherein said bactericide is any bactericide having a bactericidal potency and host spectrum substantially equivalent to hydrogen peroxide.

14. (Currently Amended) A composition as defined in claim 2, wherein said bactericide is a ~~phenol, or is the same component as the acid mandelic acid, or is the same component as the detergent cetylpyridinium chloride.~~

15. (Currently Amended) A composition as defined in claim 14, wherein the ~~phenol, mandelic acid, or cetylpyridinium chloride~~ achieves a final concentration of at least 0.1%.

16. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 1, which further comprises a biofilm dislodging enhancer agent.

17. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 2, which further comprises a biofilm dislodging enhancer agent.

18. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 16, wherein said enhancer agent is a calcium chelator.

19. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 17, wherein said enhancer agent is a calcium chelator.

20. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 18, wherein said calcium chelator is the same component as the acid EDTA, which is used as the acid or as a salt of EDTA achieving a final concentration of at least 0.25 %.

21. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 19, wherein said calcium chelator is the same component as the acid EDTA, which is used as the acid or as a salt of EDTA achieving a final concentration of at least 0.25 %.

22. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 16 wherein said enhancer agent is a chaotropic agent.

23. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 17 wherein said enhancer agent is a chaotropic agent.

24-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) A composition for removing a biofilm from a surface, which does not produce or comprise a peroxide, a terpene or sodium hypochlorite, which comprises an effective dislodging amount of a detergent cetylpyridinium chloride (CPC) and an effective dislodging amount of a salt or of an acid which forms a salt at a working pH value; said detergent being selected from the group consisting of sodium dodecyl sulfate, sodium n-decyl diphenylether disulfonate, sodium cocoyl sarcosinate, polyoxyethylene sorbitan monolaurate and cetylpyridinium chloride; said acid being selected from the group consisting of mandelic, 2-

ketoglutaric, acetic, iminodiacetic, mucic, glycolic, fumaric, lactic, aspartic, phosphoric, pyruvic, chloroacetic, oxalic, citric, oxamic, malic, dichloroacetic, phenylacetic, benzylic, maleic, succinic, chloromandelic, glutamic, nitrilotriacetic, boric, adipic, formic, glucuronic, ~~salicylic~~, ~~benzoic~~, benzoyl formic, phthalic, ketopimelic, ~~ethylenediamine tetraacetic~~, N-(hydroxyethyl) ethylenediamine triacetic acids, alanine, serine, tryptophan, tyrosine, bicine, tricine and glycine, with the proviso that said composition is neither a mixture achieving a final concentration of SDS 1% - 2% and mandelic and lactic acids, each at an individual concentration of 1% or in a combined concentration of 2%, nor of SDS 0.25%, sodium benzoate 2% and sodium salicylate 0.2%, all percentages representing final weight per volume concentrations.

27. (Original) A composition as defined in claim 26, further comprising an effective amount of a bactericide.

28-32. (Cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) A composition as defined in claim 26, which further comprises an ~~effective dislodging amount of cetylpyridinium chloride (CPC)~~, of a divalent cation chelator, and of a salt-forming acid or of an acid, wherein said acid being is selected from the group consisting of mandelic, 2-ketoglutaric, iminodiacetic, mucic, glycolic, fumaric, lactic, aspartic, phosphoric, pyruvic, citric, chloroacetic acids and alanine.

34. (Currently Amended) A composition as defined in claim 33, which achieves a final concentration of 0.5% CPC, EDTA at least 0.25% and 0.1-1% of said acid.